

24 October 2008 – Palomar "Dual Survey" notes by Michael Pique

Timeline:

- 1857 – Original U.S. government survey by Washburn  
Very few of the stone monuments set in this survey survive.
- 1885, 1923, 1982, 1985 – later federal government surveys set new monuments,  
usually metal posts. Most of these survive and can be found.
- 1894 – San Diego county surveyor Ward lays out Birch Hill, Crestline area
- 1986 July – Palomar landowner Douglas Garton sues federal government  
claiming the 1985 survey took away part of his property, loses case.
- 1997 ? – U.S. Forest Service posts boundary after 12 years, blaming  
budget restrictions.
- 1997 ? – San Diego county tax assessor notifies some landowners they  
own less land than they thought and will receive tax refunds.
- 1997 February – Jack Norvall brings matter to PMPO board attention.  
He suggests pursuing Congressional effort to influence the  
U.S. Forest service to abandon their land claims.
- 1997 July to mid-1999 – several PMPO meetings with the Forest Service  
over issues of reasonable notice, administrative appeals,  
corrective surveys.
- 1999 November to summer 2000 – PMPO hires surveyor to survey Crestline  
area; eventually abandoned with no concrete result.
- 2000 to 2004 – PMPO tries to find evidence of original (1857) monuments  
in many locations on Palomar, with help of Bob Haase.
- 2004 to 2006 – PMPO (Pique) tries to analyze maps, field notes,  
road surveys to reconstruct locations of lost monuments.
- 2006 January – Jack Norvall suggests swapping land with the Forest  
Service to restore losses to landowners along the affected line.
- 2006 August – Jack telephoning Forest Service manager Rich Tobin about  
land swap possibilities. Jack dies in October.

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The approaches we've tried:

1. Whine. Key words: rights of entrymen, adverse possession, color of title
2. Surveyor discretion on re-establishing corners. Key words: obliterated  
monument, lost monument, proportionate measurement.
3. Find Magic Monument. Key words: stone mound, tree blaze, witness tree.
4. Treasure Hunt. Key words: old map, road survey, rotted stump, survey calls.

What we have not yet tried:

5. Land swap. Would not correct any tract interior parcels based on section  
subdivisions ("aliquot") but would restore boundary ("co-terminous")  
parcels to pre-1985 locations and sizes.

**to  
Mother's  
Kitchen**

**County  
Park**

**Lodge**

(Crestline, Birch Hill)

**Section 14**

(Cleveland National Forest)

**Rock mound  
found by PMPO**

**S14 1/4**

**Section 23**

(La Jolla Indian Reservation)

**Section 13**

**East Grade Road**

**Section 24**

**S24 1/4**

*North*

*West — East*

*South*

*One Mile*

